

## **The MLK National Day of Service: A Day On, Not a Day Off**

The Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service will be celebrated January 18, 2010. Although it is a national holiday, the observance was designed to provide opportunities for citizens to honor Dr. King's ideals of nonviolence, equality, social justice and volunteer service by participating in community service activities across the nation. A day on, not a day off.

Dr. King once said, "Life's most urgent and persistent question is: What are you doing for others?"

The Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture is the official coordinator of MLK National Day of Service activities in the State of Maryland. If your church, community organization or family is planning a MLK National Day of Service project and would like to inform the public about it, please send details to the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture. You can share information about your volunteer project by visiting the Commission website at [www.africanamerican.maryland.gov](http://www.africanamerican.maryland.gov) and click on the "My MLK Service Day Project" link.

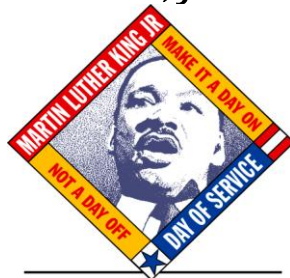
### **Please post the following information:**

Date, time and location of project/event  
Sponsoring organization/group  
Contact person (name, telephone number and email address)  
Number of participants/volunteers needed  
Project objective/service to be provided  
Event cost/donation if applicable

Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act in 1994, designating the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service. Instead of a day off from work or school, the designation encourages Americans of all ages to celebrate Dr. King's legacy by turning community concerns into citizen action.

In Dr. King's words, "Anyone can be great because anyone can serve." What will you be doing on January 18, 2010?

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010**